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1. CHINA

NSC ADVISER BRZEZINSKI'S MAY 20-23 VISIT TO PEKING, AS
ANNOUNCED AT WH/EXPOUNDED UPON AT DOS 4/26, RECEIVES
EXTENSIVE PRESS COVERAGE (UPI, CHITRIB; AP, PHINQ; REUTER).
WILL ALSO TRAVEL TO TOKYO (5/23-24) AND SEOUL (5/24-25),
AS IS CUSTOMARY AFTER PRC MISSIONS, TO BRIEF JAPANESE/
KOREAN LEADERS OF WHAT TOOK PLACE (WSJ).
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STORIES NOTE WH'S POWELL/DOS' HOLBROOKE STRESSED THAT
BRZEZINSKI TRIP IS NOT NEGOTIATING TRIP, BUT ONE OF
CONSULTATION AS PROVIDED IN SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE; NO MEMBERS
OF PRESS WILL ACCOMPANY HIM; TRIP NOT DESIGNED LAY FOUNDA-
TION FOR LATER CHINA VISIT BY PRES CARTER (UPI).

NYDN NEWS BUREAU SAYS POWELL'S DESCRIPTION OF TRIP AND
COMMENTS BY OTHER ADMIN OFFICIALS ,NDICATE BR,EZINSKI VISIT
AIMED AT LEAST IN PART AT PUTTING PRESSURE ON SOVIET TO BE
MORE FORTHCOMING IN SALT/OTHER NEGOTS W/US. SUN WASHINGTON

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BUREAU SUGGESTS, SINCE BRZEZINSKI ANNOUNCEMENT CAME 2 DAYS AFTER VANCE'S RETURN FROM TALKS W/SOVIETS, ITS TIMING SEEN

AS REASSURANCE TO PEKING THAT NO DEALS WERE MADE AT ITS EXPENSE. SAYS REPORTERS/CHINA SPECIALISTS WILL BE WATCHING BRZEZINSKI TRIP CLOSELY AS THEY CAN FROM DISTANCE, FOR SEVERAL THINGS MAKE IT UNUSUAL: HE WILL NOT TAKE REPORTERS; THIS WILL BE HIS FIRST TRIP ABROAD AS PRIMARY/ SUBSTANTIVE DIPLO; BRZEZINSKI'S NEW ROLE INEVITABLY WILL GENERATE SPECULATION ABOUT HOW FAR HE MAY STEP INTO DIPLOMACY OTHERWISE PERFORMED BY VANCE.

NYT'S GWERTZMAN NOTES ANNOUNCEMENT AND WH/DOS BRIEFINGS SOUGHT DESCRIBE BRZEZINSKI VISIT IN AS LOW-KEY MANNER AS POSSIBLE. REPORTS OFFICIALS PRIVATELY SAID TRIP HAS SEVERAL GOALS, INCLUDING: COURSE OF SINO-US RELS, PARTICULARLY POSSIBILITY OF NORMALIZATION; TO ASSURE CHINESE THAT US SHARES THEIR CONCERN OVER SOVIET MOVES ON BORDER/ELSEWHERE, AND THAT US DOES NOT INTEND PERMIT SOVIETS BECOME DOMINANT; TO KEEP SOVIET OFF GUARD ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF SINO-US RELS BLOSSOMING IF TIES WITH KREMLIN DETERIORATE.
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WP'S OBERDORFER SAYS SYMBOLISM IF NOT SUBSTANCE OF BRZEZINSKI TRIP IS MATTER OF UNUSUAL INTEREST AMONG FON POLICY WATCHERS WHO HAVE BEEN WAITING SINCE LAST JAN FOR HIM TO DEVELOP INTO "ANOTHER KISSINGER." REPORTS DECISION TO EXCLUDE NEWSMEN FROM TRIP WAS REPORTEDLY BRZEZINSKI'S DECISION IN EFFORT MAINTAIN "HIS FAST-ERODING 'LOW PROFILE.'" WITH GWERTZMAN, OBERDORFER CITES ALLEGATIONS BY LIZ DREW IN CURRENT "NEW YORKER" OF BRZEZINSKI-VANCE DIFFERENCES OVER VISITING PRC AT SAME TIME.

WP (PEKING) ITEM REPORTS SENIOR FONMINISTRY OFFICIAL SAYING US-BORN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE INTERPRETER NANCY TANG HAS VOLUNTARILY GONE OFF TO WORK FOR AWHILE ON FARM IN PEKING AREA.

JOC LONDON SPEC REPORTS PEKING TALKS STARTED THIS WK BETWN PRC-CHRYSLER US WHICH COULD LEAD TO MULTI-MIL-POUND EXPORT BUSINESS FOR FIRM. CHRYSLER DISCLOSED ITS DIRECTOR OF EXPORT PRODUCT SERVICES IS DISCUSSING CHANCES OF INTRO-DUCING ITS VEHICLES--PARTICULARLY DODGE COMMERCIAL CARS-- INTO CHINA AND OFFERING MANUFACTURING FACILITIES AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE.

2. PHILIPPINES

HOUSE INTL RELS CMTE VOTED 12-4 WEDS TO CUT GRANT MIL AID TO PHILS BY 5 MIL DOLS AS MARK OF CONCERN OVER HUMAN RTS. ACTION CAME AFTER CMTE REJECTED MOVE TO DELETE ALL OF

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PHILS' 18.1 MIL DOLS AID (REUTER 4/26).

3. KOREA

IN WHAT NYT'S BURT CALLS "DIRECT CHALLENGE TO PRES CARTER," HOUSE ARMED SERVICES CMTE VOTED WEDS TO PREVENT ADMIN W/DRAWING US GROUND FORCES FROM SK UNTIL CONGRESS
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APPROVES TRANSFER US MIL EQUIPMENT TO ROKG. AMENDMENT TO ADMIN'S DEFENSE BUDGET REQUEST ALSO PROHIBITS RE-DUCTION US ARMED FORCES BELOW LEVEL 26,000 W/O PEACE SETTLEMENT BETWN NK/SK (ALSO AP, WP; REUTER 4/26).

US OFFICIALS SAID WEDS THAT USSR APPARENTLY TRYING OFFSET UNFAVORABLE WORLD REACTION TO ITS ATTACK ON SK AIRLINER LAST WK BY CIRCULATING SEEMINGLY PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION OF INCIDENT. NOTED SOVIET EXPLANATION CENTERS ON FEAR AIRLINER WAS INTELLIGENCE INTRUDER SEEKING INFO ABOUT MIL INSTALLATIONS IN AREA, WHICH CAUSED AUTHORITIES ORDER PLANE FIRED UPON WHEN IT DID NOT REACT TO VISUAL COMMANDS TO LAND (NYT).

KOREAN AIR LINES SAID TUES IT REPLACING BOEING 707S LIKE ONE SHOT AT OVER USSR W/DOUGLAS DC-10S ON ITS TRANS-POLAR ROUTE. DC-10 HAS MORE SOPHISTICATED NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT (JOC SEOUL).

4. NEW ZEALAND

SYNDICATE LED BY CITICORP INTL BANK HAS SCHEDULED 40-MIL-DOL, 2-PART OFFERING NZ NOTES. THIS IS SAME SYNDICATE THAT FLOATED 25 MIL-DOL, 7-YR NOTE ISSUE AT 7 3/4 PCT FOR DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORP IN 5/77 (WSJ LONDON).

5. AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIA'S ANNUAL INFLATION RATE DROPPED JUST OVER 1 PCT TO 8.2 PCT IN LAST 12-MONTH PERIOD. GOA ATTRIBUTED DROP TO CUT IN GOVT EXPENDUTURES/TIGHT FISCAL CONTROLS. ALP LEADER, HOWEVER, SAID FALL ACHIEVED AT PRICE OF RECORD UNEMPLOYMENT (JOC SPEC CANBERRA).
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JOC'S STOVE (SYDNEY) CITES ATLANTIC RICHFIELD CO'S RECENT ACQUISITION ALMOST 1/3 CAPITAL OF AUSTRALIA'S R W MILLER ORG AS ANOTHER EXAMPLE GROWING INTL INTEREST IN AUSSIE COAL. SAYS US OIL/RESOURCES GROUP PAID ALMOST 33 MIL DOLS FOR ACQUISITION.

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6. VIETNAM

SRV HAS CONTRACTED TO BUY 70 MIL DOLS WORTH RAILWAY EQUIP FROM PROJECTS/EQUIPMENT CORP OF INDIA (UPI, JOC NEW DELHI).

NYT'S APPLE (LONDON) DOES FEATURE ON LIFE OF NGUYEN VAN THIEU WHO, HE SAYS, LIVES IN LONDON IN ALMOST COMPLETE ISOLATION, ACCOMPANIED BY BODYGUARDS WHEREVER HE GOES. HAS USED ALIASES IN BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS, REFUSES SEE ANY JOURNALISTS, SHUNS ACADEMIC FRIENDS, IS SAID BE BITTER ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM. APPLE QUOTES FRIEND OF THIEU THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TALK TO FORMER US AMBS WHO SUPPORTED HIM, BUT THERE IS NO INDICATION LODGE OR BUNKER HAS CONTACTED HIM. CURRENTLY LIVES IN 200,000-DOL HOUSE IN WIMBLEDON/DRIVES YELLOW JAGUAR.

7. JAPAN

IN AP INTERVIEW, PM FUKUDA WEDS PREDICTED WORLD ECON CHAOS/GLOBAL POL TURMOIL UNLESS US/EUROPE TAKE STEPS HELP JAPAN REDUCE HUGE TRADE SURPLUS. HE SAID JAPAN'S ROLE SHOULD BE ACHIEVE HIGH RATE ECON GROWTH WHILE KEEPING INFLATION UNDER CONTROL. WHILE CALLING ON US/EUR TO "JOIN OUR FORCES TOGETHER TO PREVENT ANY RISE OF PROTECTIONISM," HE SAID JAPAN WILL CONTRIBUTE TO GROWTH WORLD ECON BY DECREASING LARGE CURRENT ACCOUNT SURPLUS TO MORE APPROPRIATE LEVEL, THUS ENCOURAGING OTHER NATIONS EXPORT MORE TO JAPAN. FUKUDA ALSO SAID JAPAN'S DEFENSE
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DEPENDS ON US, THAT HE FEELS "STRONGLY" THAT THERE ARE CLOSE RELS BETWN JAPAN/US (GLOBE; BSUN).

REUTER (TOKYO) QUOTES FUKUDA THAT "EVEN GOD" COULD NOT HELP JAPAN CUT ITS '78 ACCOUNT SURPLUS TO ORIGINAL TARGET 6 BIL DOLS. IN NEWS CONF, FUKUDA SAID HE PLANS DISCUSS SURPLUS ISSUE W/PRES CARTER NEXT WK. HE PREDICTED '78 EXPORTS WOULD BE REDUCED BY RISE OF YEN/VOLUNTARY CURBS ON KEY EXPORTS.

JAPAN AUTO MFGRS ASSOC ANNOUNCED THURS THAT JAPANESE VEHICLE EXPORTS SOARED TO RECORD 4.62 MIL DOLS IN FY ENDING MARCH (REUTER TOKYO).

JAPAN/USSR HAVE SIGNED BILAT AGREEMENT REGULATING WHALING OPERATIONS IN N PAC THIS YR (REUTER TOKYO 4/26).

TWO JAPANESE RAILWAY UNIONS CALLED OFF JOINT NATIONWIDE STRIKE WEDS AFTER ACCEPTING 5.4 PCT PAY INCREASE. ALL NIPPON AIRWAYS EMPLOYEES CANCELLED STRIKE PLANNED FOR THURS AFTER REACHING AGREEMENT, BUT JAL EMPLOYEES WILL

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CONTINUE STRIKE THURS FOR 3RD CONSECUTIVE DAY (REUTER TOKYO 4/26).

8. JAPAN/CHINA

REUTER (TOKYO) REPORTS FUKUDA TOLD THURS NEWS CONF THAT CHINESE FISHING BOATS MUST W/DRAW FROM DISPUTED SENKAKU AREA; SAID HE WOULD STUDY SITUATION FURTHER ON HIS RETURN FROM US; ADDED THAT GOJ STILL AIMS GO AHEAD W/PLANS TO RESUME NEGOTS W/PEKING ON PEACE/FRIENDSHIP TREATY.

9. MONDALE TRIP
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REUTER (MANILA) QUOTES INFORMED SOURCES THAT VP IS EXPECTED SIGN SERIES OF AID AGREEMENTS W/PHILIPPINE GOVT, POSSIBLY TOTALLING MUCH AS 40 MIL DOLS, AFTER HE ARRIVES THERE NEXT TUES. SAYS PKG--INCLUDING EXTRA FINANCING FOR SOME PROJECTS ALREADY HELPED BY US--IS EXPECTED HELP ERASE SOME OF COOLNESS STEMMING FROM UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS IN MIL BASES NEGOTS AND US CRITICISM OF GOP HUMAN RTS PERFORMANCE.

10. THAILAND/CAMBODIA

REUTER'S MELUNSKY (4/26) REPORTS COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS OPERATING IN SE THAILAND, NEAR CAMBODIAN BORDER, ARE MINING ROADS/AMBUSHING POLICE AS COUNTRY'S 13-YR-OLD INSURGENCY CLAIMS MORE LIVES. SAYS INSURGENTS COMPRISE BOTH THAI COMMUNISTS/CAMBODIAN KR TROOPS, THAT ONE FORCE OF ABOUT 300 OPERATING IN FOREST AREAS AROUND BOR RAI. QUOTES PM KRIANGSAK THAT SOME THAI VILLAGERS, ABDUCTED/TAKEN ACROSS BORDER, ARE BEING FORCIBLY TRAINED BY THAI COMMUNISTS IN CAMBODIA/SENT BACK TO AID INSURGENCY IN THAILAND. SAYS IT PROVES "COMMUNISTS HAVE FAILED IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO GAIN POWER OVER THAI VILLAGERS AND HAVE CHANGED THEIR TACTICS."

11. GENERAL

ACCORDING REUTER'S WATTS (SINGAPORE, SCM 4/26), MANY ASIAN COUNTRIES MAKING EFFORT EDUCATE THEIR TAXI DRIVERS IN ROAD MANNERS/INCREASE SIZE OF TAXI FLEETS TO HELP SOLVE CHRONIC TRANSPORT PROBLEMS. NOTES SINGAPORE IS 2,000 TAXIS SHORT OF DEMAND, BUT IN BANGKOK THERE ARE 13,500 TA;IS, ADDING TO TRAFFIC CONGESTION, TO SERVE 5 MILLION

PEOPLE. SAYS LARGE SHORTAGE IN INDO HAS CAUSED PRO-LIFERATION UNLICENSED CABS/RICKSHAWS THAT GOVTS HK/
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MALAYSIA BOTH CALLING FOR ADDITIONAL TAXIS. NOTES TOKYO CABS BEST EQUIPPED W/ADDED SERVICE OF "DIAL A TAXI" BOOTHS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

12. CHINA

CSM'S MORITZ (HK) SEES RETURN TO PEKING BY SOVIETS' BORDER NEGOTIATOR, ILYICHEV, PUTTING NEW UNCERTAINTY INTO TRIANGULAR US/PRC SOVIET RELATIONSHIP. SAYS REASON, IN ANALYSTS' VIEW, IS THAT EVEN REMOTEST POSSIBILITY OF IMPROVED SINO-SOVIET RELS MUST BE WATCHED CAREFULLY BY US.

WRITING IN CSM, DOAK BARNETT URGES BALANCED APPROACH IN DEALINGS W/BOTH PRC/SOVIETS. ADVISES THAT IF SALT PACT IS SIGNED W/MOSCOW, THERE IS COMPELLING REASON TO MOVE AT ABOUT SAME TIME TO UPGRADE OUR TIES W/PEKING.

WP'S MATHEWS (HK) OBSERVES THAT ALTHO PEKING HAS SOMEWHAT REVISED US HOPES OF EXPANDED TRADE BY PURCHASING ITS 1ST US WHEAT IN 4 YRS/SIGNING CONTRACT FOR LARGEST PIECE OF OIL DRILLING EQUIPMENT IT HAS EVER BOUGHT FROM US FIRM, NEVERTHELESS, BOTH DEALS SHOW CHINESE BUYERS TO BE TURNING TO US SUPPLIERS ONLY IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

IN ANOTHER ARTICLE, MATHEWS SAYS "SOME OF AMERICA'S REIGNING COMEDY GENUISES" HAVE PROVED TO THEIR SATISFAC-TION THAT CHINESE REALLY DO HAVE SENSE OF HUMOR. NOTES GROUP, INCLUDING NORMAN LEAR/CARL REINER/LARRY GELBART/ GRANT TINKER/MARY TYLER MOORE--JUST RETURNED HK FROM 3-WK PRC TOUR, WATCHED FUTAN U STUDENTS CONDUCT ENGLISH

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DIALOGUES ON STORY ABOUT CHOU EN-LAI/LAUGH ABOUT "GANG OF 4." LEAR CONCLUDED CHINESE HAVE NOT ONLY "GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR" BUT "GREAT SENSE OF SELF-DEPRECATION." WHILE NOT "NAIVE TO THE POINT THAT I THINK NOTHING WAS STAGED," MOORE FELT "WHAT WAS NOT STAGED WAS THE WARMTH OF THE PEOPLE." TO TINKER, THE CHINESE HE MET HAD "BETTER SENSE OF HUMOR, AT LEAST CLOSER TO WHAT WE AMERICANS HAVE, THAN THE BRITISH, THE FRENCH, THE RUSSIANS AND THE GERMANS." ON RETURN HOME, SAID LEAR, "WE PLAN TO ASK OUR PRESIDENT TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH CHINA AND WE ALSO WANT TO TALK TO OUR INDUSTRY AND GET A CULTURAL EXCHANGE GOING THE OTHER WAY."

ZORZA (SUN, CSM) NOTES VEILED ATTACKS ON MAO APPEARING IN CHINESE PRESS. SEES POSSIBILITY THAT NEW POWER STRUGGLE MAY BE BEGINNING, W/SURVIVAL OF MAOISM ITSELF

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AS MAIN ISSUE.

CSM'S FRASER (PEKING) NOTES CAPITAL'S EARTHQUAKE HOUSES ARE COMING DOWN FAST, BRINGING TO END IMPROMPTU/HIGHLY POPULAR EXPERIMENT IN EXTENSION OF CHINESE HOUSING. OBSERVES THAT, IN TYPICAL CHINESE STYLE, GREAT CARE BEING TAKEN IN OPERATION--WITH ALL BRICKS/WOOD THAT CAN BE SALVAGED SET TO ONE SIDE FOR FUTURE USE.

13. INDONESIA

WSJ (JAKARTA) REPORTS INDO SEEKING 7-YR LOAN OF 25 MIL DOLS FROM GROUP LED BY WELLS FARGO BANK.

NYT'S KAMM CONTRASTS RICHES OF INDO W/ITS EXPECTED 2.7 MIL-TON RICE SHORTAGE/HIGH INFANT MORTALITY RATE/WIDESPREAD MALNUTRITION. SAYS GAP BETWN RICH/POOR LEADING TO INCREASED QUESTIONING AMONG INTELLECTUALS ABOUT COURSE INDO DEVELOPMENT, THAT MAJORITY HAVE BECOME DISILLUSIONED W/SUHARTO/MILITARY/TECHNOCRATS. NOTES STUDENTS UNCLASSIFIED

PARTICULARLY CRITICAL/EXPECT GOVT REDIRECT ALLOCATION RESOURCES TO LET DEVELOPMENT REACH MAJORITY. SAYS CRITICS DO NOT CONSIDER GOI PLAN TO BASE DEVELOPMENT ON RESOURCES SOCIALLY ORIENTED ENOUGH. THEY REGARD PROGRAM TO MAKE EXTRACTION OPERATION CENTER FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT/FON EXCHANGE MORE CONDUCIVE TO PROFITEERING THAN TO INCREASING WELL-BEING OF PEOPLE (ACCOMPANIED BY UPI PHOTO HIGH-RISE BLDGS TOWERING OVER JAKARTA SLUM).

14. KOREA

CHITRIB'S WIEDRICH CONTENDS IF YOU EXAMINE KOREAN PLANE INCIDENT FROM RUSSIAN POINT OF VIEW, IT BECOMES MORE DIFFICULT TO FAULT KREMLIN'S JET FIGHTER PILOTS FOR THEIR OTHERWISE GAUCHE BEHAVIOR. OPINES THAT "SHOOTING FIRST/ ASKING QUESTIONS LATER COULD MEAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWN VICTORY/NUCLEAR DISASTER." SAYS SOVIETS COULDN'T TELL THAT PASSENGER PLANE WASN'T "MODERN TROJAN HORSE." WONDERS IF RUSSIAN CIVILIAN JET TRANSPORT VEERED OFF COURSE/SPENT HOUR OVER WASHINGTON/OREGON US DEFENSE COMMAND INTERCEPTOR PILOTS WOULD SHOW MORE RESTRAINT.

15. CAMBODIA

CSM EDIT HOPES IS NOT LAST TO JOIN WHAT PRES CARTER CALLED "GROWING INTL PROTEST" AGAINST CAMBODIAN GOVT POLICIES. SAYS "OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND" MUST NOT BECOME EPITAPH FOR CAMBODIAN PEOPLE.

IN LTR TO WP (4/23), FREEDOM HOUSE PRES JOHN RICHARDSON,

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RECENTLY RETURNED FROM THAILAND AS MEMBER CITIZENS COMM ON REFUGEES, COMPARES PROBLEM CAMBODIAN REFUGEES TO THAT OF JEWS IN '38. NOTES THAT CAMBODIANS/VIETS WHO ESCAPED
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BY LAND ARE DESTITUTE, W/OUT HOPE IN REFUGEE CAMPS, BECAUSE NO COUNTRY WILL ACCEPT THEM. ASKS IF IT'S POSSIBLE THAT AT VERY MOMENT "HOLOCAUST" IS BEING BURNED INTO US CONSCIENCE WE WILL AGAIN TURN OUR BACKS.

16. JAPAN

REUTER'S FOLEY (TOKYO) SAYS JAPANESE ARE BEGINNING WORRY ABOUT STRENGTH OF US COMMITMENT TO DEFEND THEM FROM ATTACK; AND, COMMITMENT ASIDE, AS US MIL FORCES WEST OF HAWAII BECOME WEAKER, JAPANESE ARE BECOMING CONCERNED ABOUT SIMPLE ABILITY OF US TO PROTECT THEM. SEES THEIR CONCERN STEMMING FROM PRES CARTER'S DECISION "TO SHIFT THE EMPHASIS OF AMERICA'S SECURITY POLICIES TO EUROPE," PULL US FORCES FROM SK, CUT BACK US NAVY'S SHIPBUILDING PROGRAM. FINDS JAPANESE WOULD LIKE CARTER ORDER MAINTENANCE OF US FORCES IN NORTHERN PACIFIC, AND SAYS FUKUDA IS EXPECTED ASK REASSURANCE WHEN HE MEETS PRES NEXT WEDS. VANCE

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